(b) The identification of specific locations are not made in the preparation of the 8th Five Year proposals. The State Govts. are to formulate location specific projects for assistance under the various plan schemes.

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Food Processing Industries in Maharashtra

1065. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposals received by the Union Government for the setting up of new food processing industries in Maharashtra during 1991-92; and

(b) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b). As per information available with this Ministry, 26 applications have been received for setting up food processing industries in Maharashtra. While the applications for Industries requiring industrial licence and/or foreign collaboration approval under the New Industrial Policy are being examined, others applicants are to take action as per simplified procedure under the policy. One proposal of Integrated Post Harvest Crop Management Project for Grapes received from Government of Maharashtra for financial assistance from the Central Government is under consideration.

Special quota of Pamolein and Other Essential Commodities to Maharshtra

1066. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have allotted any special quota of pamolein and other essential commodities to Maharashtra for Ganesh festival;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDING AHMED): (a) to (c). The position is as follows:-

Foodgrains: No special allocation of foodgrains for Ganesh festival has been made.

Levy Sugar: A quantity of 5014 tonnes during August, 1991 and a quantity of 4000 tonnes alongwith October, 1991 allocation has been released to Maharashtra, as festival quota.

Palmolein: Regular allocations of edible oil under PDS were not made to the States/UTs., including Maharashtra, for the period from April, 1991 to September, 1991, as there was no import of edible oils. In view of this, it was not possible to make any special allocations of edible oil for Ganesh festival.

Retrenchment of workers in Mining and Allied Machineries Corporation Ltd., Durgapur.

1067. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to retrench 1700 workers of Mining and Allied machineries Corporation Ltd. at Durgapur;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have any scheme to improve the situation at the factory; and